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LETTER AND CONCURRENCE FROM U S EPA REGARDING U S NAVY RESPONSE TO
COMMENTS TO DRAFT FEASIBILITY STUDY OPERABLE UNIT 4 (OU4) NSY
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Subject: April 2012 Navy RTCs on the draft OU-4 FS

Importance: Normal

Linda, EPA concurs with the Navy's responses. I would like to note, however, that EPA disagrees that completion of a Public Health Assessment (PHA) by ATSDR is sufficient by itself to eliminate the need for a revision to the human health risk assessment. (comment 1.2, Scope and Objectives, p.1-1) Among other differences between a PHA and a baseline risk assessment, PHAs do not quantify cancer risks. Since there is a new reference dose for dioxin/furan, EPA reviewed the PHA and concurs with the conclusion because the comparison value used by ATSDR is sufficiently protective for dioxin cancer and noncancer risk. - mra

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